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In re Application of

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Title: AUDIO TRANSMISSION SYSTEM HAVING A PITCH PERIOD ESTIMATOR  
FOR BAD FRAME HANDLING

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows, where marked-up versions of the amended claims 4, 5, and 7 are attached as Appendix A:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 4. (Amended) The audio transmission system according to claim 1,  
2 characterized in that the decoder is a Pulse Code Modulator, in  
3 particular a Differential PCM decoder and/or an Adaptive DPCM  
4 decoder.

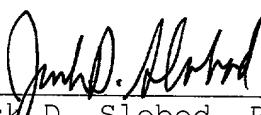
1 5. (Amended) The audio transmission system according to claim 1,  
2 characterized in that the bad frame processing means comprises a  
3 bad frame detector.

1 7. (Amended) The audio transmission system according to claim 1  
2 embodied as a communication device, such as a telephone device, a  
3 speech device, a voice device or the like.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. The above amendments are submitted to place this application in proper U.S. format. Entry of the amendment and an early action on the merits are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Appendix A

### Version with Markings to Show Changes Made to the Claims

The following are marked up versions of amended claims 4, 5, and 7:

1 4. (Amended) The audio transmission system according to claim 1  
2 ~~one of the claims 1-3~~, characterized in that the decoder is a Pulse  
3 Code Modulator, in particular a Differential PCM decoder and/or an  
4 Adaptive DPCM decoder.

1 5. (Amended) The audio transmission system according to claim 1  
2 ~~one of the claims 1-4~~, characterized in that the bad frame  
3 processing means comprises a bad frame detector.

1 7. (Amended) The audio transmission system according to claim 1  
2 ~~one of the preceding claims~~ embodied as a communication device,  
3 such as a telephone device, a speech device, a voice device or the  
4 like.